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# Student leaders honored

By Amber Ravenscroft
Editor

Potomac State College honored students, faculty and staff during the Weekend of Honors recognition ceremonies, April 18-21.

Assistant Professor Mollie Ravenscroft and Enrollment Services staff person Terri Morris were honored as outstanding faculty and staff at ceremonies on Thursday. Please see separate articles on Page 4.

The weekend continued with the Athletic Banquet on Saturday. Three Potomac State alumni were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame: Robert 'Bob' Sirk, Class of '56; Tonney Gardner, Class of '85; and Geno Guerrieri, Class of '92.

The banquet also recognized Outstanding Student Athletes for the 2012-2013 school year. Female athletes recognized were Taylor Rice for softball and Laurel Podlesnik for soccer. Male athletes recognized were Scott Fox for baseball and Conor Fungaroli for soccer. Please see pictures in sports, Page 5.

Sunday's events included the Duke Anthony Whitmore/Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Academic Achievement Wall Honorees, Recognition Day Ceremony, and Sigma Phi Omega Honor Society Induction of New Members.

The Academic Achievement Wall ceremony was held outside of Academy Hall at 2:30 p.m. Honorees included three students: Curtiss Boggs, Jesse Cook, and Kelsey Kimmell. The alumni honoree was Dr. Richard Ball, and the faculty honoree was Dr. Charles Whitehill.

The Recognition Day Ceremony at 3:30 p.m. honored students and staff who had performed outstanding community and academic service to the college.

Library staff member Patricia McGuire won the Excellence in Safety Award.

Science award winners were Sara Reed, Morris Organic Chemistry Award; Jacob Richards, Powell General Chemistry Award; Danielle Carder, General Biology Award; Ryan Turner, W. E. Michael Biology Award; and Ashley Kady and Lyndsay Whetzel, Human Anatomy and Physiology Award.

*Pictured above: Ashley Kady receives Human Anatomy and Physiology Award. Professor Jones presents Cole Williams with the award for Outstanding Agriculture Sophomore.*

Agriculture and forestry award winners included: Cole Williams, Outstanding Agriculture Sophomore Student Award; Teri Golden, Outstanding Forestry Sophomore Student Award; and Rebecca Matthews, Don S. Starcher Outstanding Freshman Agriculture and Forestry Student Award.

Derek Wratchford won the Mauzy-Harris History Award.

Ethan Mowery and Botond Szilaj were dually awarded recognition as Outstanding Business Management Students.

Journalism award winners were Amber Ravenscroft and Hailey Truman, Outstanding *Pasquino* Editor Awards; Jonathan Morse, Best *Pasquino* Editorial Writing; Linsay K. Baker, Best *Pasquino* Feature Writing.

Chris Pascoe was awarded the Keyser Rotary Service Above Self Award.

Former Student Government President Chris Pascoe also performed the Student Government installation of president for next year's president, Brittany Streets.

The final award of the ceremony was the announcement of Outstanding Student for the 2012-2013 school year. Provost Colelli presented the award to sophomore math and political science major Jesse Cook.

The Weekend of Honors ended with Sunday night's Sigma Phi Omega Honor Society induction.

New members are Kevin Acquah, Payton Derryberry, Joshua Ernst, Jennifer GaNun, Derek George, Bradley Heltzel, Bryan Jackson, Presley Kennell, Kevin Lambert, Stephanie Lambros, Jeremy Leedom, Rebecca Mathews, Jacob Richards, Kathryn Robinson, Zachary Saylor, Lindsey Stidom, and Ryan Turner.

*Students Jesse Cook (above) and Curtiss Boggs are presented awards by Provost Colelli.*

## Library hours expanded

*The library has extended hours. Today and tomorrow, the library is open until midnight and on Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. During finals week, the library will be open Sunday from 4 p.m.-midnight; Mon.-Wed. from 8 a.m.-midnight; Thursday from 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The library is closed May 11-20.*

## Four Freshman concert

*Highland Arts Unlimited is presenting the Fabulous Four Freshmen in concert on Sunday, May 5, at 3 p.m. Admission is free for PSC students with ID.*

*The Freshmen are a vocal quartet, somewhat in the style of the Beach Boys, who perform their own accompaniment on bass, guitar, drums and trumpet. The group was formed in the 50s and had many hit records including "It's A Blue World," "Mood Indigo," "Day By Day," and "Graduation Day."*

*This is the final program of the season for Highland Arts, which is celebrating forty years as an arts council.*

# Spring graduation to be held May 11

By Amber Ravenscroft
Editor

Potomac State's spring graduation ceremony will be held Saturday, May 11, at 11 a.m. in the Church-McKee Arts Center. Graduates are asked to line up outside no later than 10:30 a.m.

Provost Colelli will be the guest speaker at this year's event.

Approximately 160 students will be graduating. Along with 26 summer graduates last August and 36 fall graduates last December, Potomac State has 222 projected graduates this year.

Sophomore Lyndsay Whetzel said, "I'm excited for graduation because it means I'm one step closer to reaching my goal of becoming a physical therapist." She will move on to West Virginia University next fall.

Students may bring as many guests as they would like to the event. Graduates and guests are invited to attend a reception immediately after the ceremony at the Arts Center.

Life Images Photography Studio will be taking pictures of graduates, on stage, available for purchase. Students are not required to purchase the photographs, but are encouraged to pause and smile when receiving their diploma regardless.

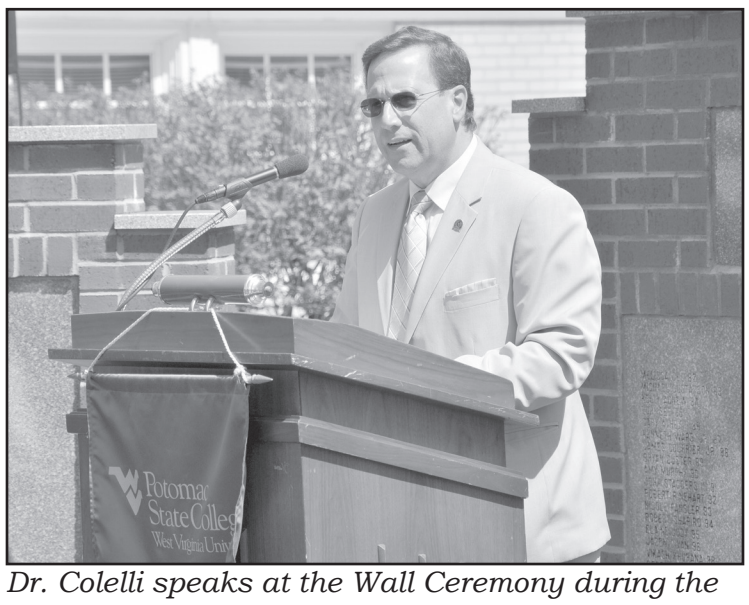
The studio will provide two packages for purchase. Package One includes one 8x10 photograph, two 5x7 photographs, and eight wallets for $32.

Package Two includes one 5x7 photograph, two 3x5 photographs, and four wallets for $22.

Any student loan borrower is required to complete exit loan counseling prior to graduation. An e-mail will be sent to MIX with directions on how to complete this requirement.

Practice for graduation will be held Friday, May 10, at 7 p.m. Seating arrangements will be finalized.

Students are also invited to attend a graduation celebration reception Friday, May 10, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Davis Conference Center. Students may bring two guests. Business casual attire is required. All graduates are eligible for door prizes.




*Dr. Colelli speaks at the Wall Ceremony during the Weekend of Honors. He is our guest speaker at this year's commencement. Photos by Luke McKenzie*

*Heidi Gardner and Kathy Weber helping out at last year's Community Closet.*

# Queers and Allies teaming up with Community Closet

By Cheri Alt
Campus News Editor

The Queers and Allies Club and Student Government have started collecting usable furniture and clothes from the campus community for a local non-profit group, the Community Closet.

Donations may be offered on campus until Wednesday, May 8.

"There are boxes located in all of the dorms and the Student Union," said Hailey Truman, vice-president of the Q&A Club.

Truman says, "This is a good way for students to donate unwanted usable items at the end of the year."

The Q&A Club felt that this would be a great cause to help with this time of year.

"This is an ongoing, twice-yearly function that began with one of our students, Cheri Alt, in conjunction with a local non-profit, Helping Hands.

Kathy Weber, Heidi Gardner, who is teaching Doc Hawkins' classes, and I volunteer every time for this worthwhile cause. Potomac State employees have been wonderful in the past with donations," said Jill Gardner, director of the college library, in an email message to faculty and staff.

The Community Closet was the brainchild of Cheri and her sister Christy. The response was so overwhelming they decided to partner with Helping Hands to meet the demands.

The giveaways are held twice a year and this is the eighth year the giveaway has been in operation.

If you have anything that you wish to contribute, donations will be accepted at the American Legion Boyce-Houser Post 41 on South Main Street in Keyser on Friday June 7 all day and Saturday morning June 8.

Please tell anyone in need about the Community Closet Giveaway. They may come and take anything, no questions asked, on Saturday and Sunday, June 8 and 9.

All students are encouraged to use the boxes provided to donate.

# Dr. Charles Whitehill is newest faculty on Honor Wall

By Kelly Mills
Campus News Editor

Dr. Charles Whitehill is the newest faculty honoree to have his name engraved in the Duke Anthony Whitmore, Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Academic Achievement Wall, located in front of Academy Hall. He was "very surprised and pleased" that he was chosen.

Whitehill was born in Wana, W. Va., and attended WVU for all of his degrees in music education, including his Ph.D.

Whitehill founded The College/Community Band and Jazz Band, and is one of the founding members and President of Highland Arts Unlimited, which is a non-profit organization that brings drama, music, visual arts, and drama programs to Keyser, and to other communities.

What caused him to choose music education was his love for music and playing the trumpet at Morgantown High School. When it came to choosing what to do in college, he knew that he wanted to major in music, but whether to teach music or play professionally was the question.

He chose to teach it, which has become the "love of his life," making it harder to retire in 1996, but he knew he had to. Teaching music was "wonderful, and I enjoyed it," said Whitehill.

While he was a music professor at Potomac State, he was also the chairman of the music department and chairman of the Division of Arts and Humanities. He was also twice named "Outstanding Professor of the Year."

Before the Church-McKee Arts Center was built in the 1960s, Whitehill and college performing groups used various places to perform like the Armory and private homes.

Nowadays, he is a part-time farmer, as well as musician, which keeps him busy. He and his wife Becky own Potomac Highlands Winery. Wine making is a hobby for Whitehill, for which he took classes and read books before starting, and planted the first grapes on the winery in 1979. He and his wife travel around the region with their wines to wine and craft festivals.

He still plays the trumpet at age 79. He plays in the Potomac Concert Band, also writing arrangements and original music - one piece called "March Madness," aptly named for the NCAA College Basketball tournament.

# CAMPUS NEWS

## Campus police battle back against bongs

By Nick Wright
Campus News Editor

Students going to college for a carefree drug and drinking party scene should think twice before enrolling at Potomac State College.

The campus police know that many new students feel this way every year, and the evidence is just inside the campus police office: a confiscated bong and marijuana pipe filled case.

Chief Brian Kerling of the Potomac State College university police said that they witness and get complaints about these illegal activities happening near campus several times a year and are doing all they can to slow down and stop them. "We use the display case to educate anyone who comes into the office about the different varieties of pipes and devices used to smoke marijuana," said Kerling.

Complaints of underage drinking and students smoking marijuana occur most often in the first six weeks of the fall semester due to new students coming on campus and the last two weeks from students who think they're not coming back.

The campus police, considered a type of state police, say that they encounter underage drinking and public intoxication on campus and when checking on a liquor law violation they may also witness a drug law violation because they often go hand in hand.

The laws for illegal drugs are changing and marijuana is becoming more accepted around the country, but the campus police say that it is still an illegal drug that could injure or harm students, so campus police say that they will do everything they can to stop drug use and punish the people who violate drug laws.

*Confiscated bongs are displayed openly in a case inside the Campus Police headquarters as a warning to future offenders.*

*Photo by Nick Wright*

*For the first time in many years, the spring semester Humans vs. Zombies campus-wide competition ended in a human victory. Above are the remaining humans before the final stand. From left to right: Ryan Johnson, Cody Cussins, Tarriq Scott, Michael Moore, Brandon Patty, Westley Nottingham, Guy with Guns, Ben Meredith, Beth Meredith, Jason Lance, Andrew Essig, Jennifer GaNun.*

## Humans rule; zombies bite the dust

By Hailey Truman
Editor

It's that time of the year again, the time when the campus is crawling with zombies and the humans who are brave enough to battle them and venture out for supplies.

Yeah you heard right, zombies. The campus just recently had their week-long game of Humans vs. Zombies. The only time it is acceptable to chase people, carry around nerf guns and throw marshmallows and socks everywhere.

I was able to experience this game myself, and I can tell you that it's no picnic, especially being a human.

As a human I would wake up about 45 minutes before all my classes started just so I could make that long trek to where I needed to be on time and safely.

As soon as I stepped outside to go anywhere the paranoia set in, not knowing who was going to be hiding where and if would be able to make it to a safe zone without getting caught. I walked to my classes fast and swiftly pulling my nerf gun up at the slightest of sounds because I wasn't taking any chances. I only ever left my room if I needed to go to classes or to the mission in where I would only leave during the cease-fire where no one could be caught or killed.

Other than that I was a hermit in my building along with all of the other humans.

Yet after about three days of being stuck in my room, of waking up extra early and being absolutely paranoid and not being able to trust any of your friends, I let myself get turned into a zombie.

It was pretty awesome to be a zombie. You could go wherever you want, you didn't care who was outside, and you could scare the humans and make them take off running across campus. Although by the time the final mission rolled around on Friday and for the second time in the history of the game on this campus, the humans defeated the zombies and the human race was saved.

If you haven't gotten the chance to play the game or sit out on the quad and watch the madness unveil before your very eyes I suggest that you do so because it's something that everyone should experience.

Humans versus zombies has become a spring semester ritual here on campus.

## Rice nationally recognized in NJCAA softball

By Ryan Minnigh
Sports Writer

In many instances, 60 percent is not a passing grade. However, in Taylor Rice's case, her massive .644 batting average is leading the nation.

Taylor Rice is a sophomore center fielder and is lighting up statistical categories in her last year at Potomac State. Rice is batting an unreal .644 which is tops in NJCAA Division II Women's Softball. Just for a brief perspective on this statistic, she is 76 points ahead of the #2 ranked hitter in softball.

Rice also ranks in the Top 25 in the nation in runs scored, triples, slugging percentage, and stolen bases. She was also named a National Player of the Week twice during the weeks of March 11-17 and April 8-14. Even with all these statistics floating around, Rice did not know until just recently of her nationwide fame.

"Knowing that adds a good bit a pressure when batting," said Rice. However, she does not appear to let these nerves get to her at the plate.

Rice also has high hopes for the playoffs this season as the team enters the final stretch of its season.

"We have played well against all the teams in the conference this season and this will benefit us in the playoffs," said Rice.

Rice has enjoyed her time at Potomac State and wants to finish the season off on a good note. She has said that this will be her last season playing softball and she will focus on her education upon arrival at West Virginia University.

During her career, she has made many fond memories but cites her walk-off home run against Mercryhurst as her best memory. Her legacy will be left on the softball field as a great hitter and fielder. Her successful career is a unique testament of how 60 percent can lead the nation, but can also light up a field in small town West Virginia.

# PSC PEOPLE

## Ravenscroft named PSC Outstanding Professor of the Year

By Linsay K. Baker
Feature Editor

So far Mollie Ravenscroft has yet to celebrate her achievement of Outstanding Professor 2013 award because she has been too busy, but when she does have the time to celebrate she will do so with her family. "My daughter was very happy for me and my husband said it was 'well deserved' because he has helped me balance everything.

"Being nominated was a nice surprise because it comes from a student and that makes it all the better," she says.

As the assistant professor of sociology, Ravenscroft not only teaches the subject, she involves herself in many different sociology-based committees, councils and groups across campus because of her "particular interest in group behavior and responses."

In 1991 Ravenscroft began teaching as an adjunct and a graduate assistant off and on until she started her full-time position in 2005.

"Sociology is more about trying to understand human differences and group interaction. I took it as an elective when I started as a biology major and it just clicked for me," Ravenscroft says.

Ravenscroft earned her associate's degree in sociology from Potomac State, her bachelor's degree in sociology from Shepherd University, and her master's in sociology from Marshall University.

Ravenscroft grew up in this area but moved around before settling down in Burlington, W.Va. to raise a family. She and her husband of 25 and one half years have two children, Megan, who is 22 and soon will graduate from Davis and Elkins College, and Ben, who is 19 and attends high school here in Keyser.

"I think the smaller setting gives you the opportunity to hopefully get to know your students better" and it especially makes advising easier, Ravenscroft says about teaching here at PSC. Her classes are getting larger but she remains adamant about teaching respect to all of her students.

*Provost Leonard Colelli (left) stands with Assistant Professor of Sociology Mollie Ravenscroft and Faculty Assembly Chairman Jeff Jones at the Outstanding Professor gathering, April 18.*

"I like to use structure for larger classes but in smaller classes we use group projects and assignments based on society. I emphasize respect, not only for one another but for the learning process."

The opportunity to be in school -- not everyone gets it -- and they won't know for a long time how valuable it is, she says.

Faculty nominated for Outstanding Professor must request letters of support from peers and from students. "I greatly appreciate student letters of support. You don't like to ask but when you get a response it's nice to hear how supportive they are."

For 20 years her family has been spending a week's vacation on the Outer Banks near Ocracoke Island. She looks forward to relaxing with them and reading everything on her Kindle wish list.

Ravenscroft says reading is a favorite hobby and she doesn't like the stereotypical hobbies like cooking and gardening.

When her family is home for the summer, she says that's her time to catch up on sleep.

Ravenscroft was selected for her award by the Faculty Affairs Committee from a group of five nominees. The award was presented to her at an off-campus gathering of faculty, April 18.

## Morris honored Outstanding Staff Person

By Jonathan Morse
Campus News Editor

For more than three decades, Administrative Associate Terri L. Morris has been the all-but-invisible force by which student lives are moved forward, futures are progressed and questions are answered.

In fact, when you walk through the doors of Enrollment Services, if you don't turn almost 180° you might not see her at all, not until you hear her cheerfully ask, "May I help you?"

On Thursday, April 18, after 35 years of service, Morris was awarded 2013's Outstanding Staff Member of the Year when senior faculty and staff came together to recognize excellence, devotion and loyalty.

Morris, one of six nominees, accepted her award from Dr. Leonard Colelli and the Classified Employees Council who acknowledged her loyalty to the school and her dedication to her position.

"It seems like I've been here forever," sighed Morris, smiling. "I graduated from PSC in May and I started working here in August, 35 years ago."

When asked if she had any plans to retire, she laughed, shaking her head.

Morris is married with two grown sons and two granddaughters.

She spends her days quietly guiding people and paperwork through the sometimes confusing process of getting enrolled and acquiring financial aid. While neither of these functions is specifically her job, it often falls to her to find that one piece of paperwork or make that one important call that keeps the process going and makes it successful.

Larry Kruk, Patty Lee, Kelly Malone, Mark See and Carol Wertman were this year's other nominees.

They represent the best in their receptive fields and were nominated by their peers as examples of dependability and motivation.

*Committee Chair Dixie Heavener and Campus Provost Dr. Colelli present Terri L. Morris with 2013's Staff Member of the Year Award.*

*Elise Hartley, Aren Morris, Hailey Truman, Nick Adams, Casey McKay and Logan Darnell pose in front of two Tyrannosaurus Rex skeletons .Students in Dr. Falkowski's dinosaur class, some staff and a few other selected students recently traveled to the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh. The students saw everything from dinosaurs to all different kinds of gems and jewelry.*

# CAT SPORTS

# Baseball rides 13-game win streak; Region XX after finals

By Dylan Kaplan
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again; students are getting ready for finals and starting to pack for home. For them, summer is right around the corner.

But some students at Potomac State College are trying to extend their time here for a while longer. For all 32 members of the Catamount baseball team, the toughest portion of the season is just beginning.

Regular season play ends this week with away games at Harford Community College and CCAC-South scheduled for Friday and Sunday. Hartford is a first-time opponent this season. CCAC-South was crushed in a home double header.

The outcome from the final home game, scheduled for yesterday against Hagerstown Community College, was unavailable at press time.

The Cats have posted a strong 31-12 record after sweeping Shenandoah University this past weekend. "I thought we would be where we were at," Head Coach Doug Little reflected on the team through this point of the season. The Catamounts did put together a 13-game win streak, and added four wins in the next six games.

The team goal is to qualify for the JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. The Catamounts' journey to get there begins with the Region XX Tournament in Hagerstown, Md. on May 12. If the Catamounts come out victorious, they will host the Eastern District Finals the following weekend. Those two tournaments lead to Grand Junction, where thousands gather to watch the top ten Division 1 junior colleges across the county battle it out.

The Catamounts have played in the JUCO World Series seven times and were national champions in 1995.

"We need to be more consistent in more areas; we're good in areas at times and bad in others at times," Little said when asked what the biggest factor standing in the way of getting to Grand Junction.

*One Catamount player of many on the roster having a solid season is Elliott McCummings, #11. The right fielder from Deptford, N.J. is a freshman player on the squad. McCummings bats third in the lineup. He is hitting around .400 for the season. The Catamounts complete regular season play this weekend and look forward to Region XX action the weekend after final exams.*

*Sports photos by Raymond Burner*

# Lady Cats end at 24-6; Region XX this weekend

*The freshman right fielder for the Lady Cats is Britani Chambers, #32. Chambers is leading the team in home runs, with four. She is batting .451 and according to Head Coach Jim Walton, she is having a solid season of play for the Lady Cats. Next up for the team is the Region XX Tournament, this weekend.*
*Photo by Raymond Burner.*

By Zach Miley
Staff Writer

The regular season has come to an end as the PSC Women's Softball team wrapped it up with a 24-6 record. The Lady Catamounts will now charge into the Region XX Tournament this weekend with huge momentum and high hopes.

The Lady Cats entered last weekend boasting a 21-5 record, with doubleheaders set for Friday versus The College of Southern Maryland and another for Saturday against Westmoreland Community College. The Saturday games were to determine the conference title, whereas the Catamounts were able to gain at least, a share with one win. However, both sets of games also proved to be important for seeding in the Region XX Tournament.

The PSC Lady Cats split the Friday series with CSM by winning the first in a close 6-5 game but fell short in the nightcap by a score of 8-5. On Saturday the Lady Cats' hot hitting proved to be the difference as they swept the series with WCC by scores of 11-2 in the first game and 11-1 in the finale, earning their share of the conference title.

Potomac State has had a total of eight games postponed due to weather this season, but these games are unlikely to me made-up due to the lack of time remaining before the post-season.

Next up for the PSC Lady Cats will be the Region XX Tournament, which will begin Friday in Wye Mills, Maryland. Tournament seeding and brackets were unavailable at press time.

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# Outstanding Student Athletes 2012-2013

*Outstanding Student Athletes for the 2012-2013 school year were named Saturday, April 20. From left to right: Conor Fungaroli, men's soccer; Laurel Podlesnik, women's soccer; Scott Fox, baseball; Taylor Rice, softball. Athletes attended a banquet in the Davis Conference Center.*
*Photos by Raymond Burner*

# Our Opinions

## Film critic Roger Ebert raised film writing to art

"So on this day of reflection I say again, thank you for going on this journey with me. I'll see you at the movies." Those were the last words written by the legendary film critic Roger Ebert before his passing April 4 of this year.

Roger Joseph Ebert, born June 18, 1942, became one of the most powerful voices in film criticism and journalism itself. The first film critic to win a Pulitzer Prize for Criticism (in 1975), he passed from this world after a more than decade-long battle with thyroid cancer.

Ebert was a fighter through and through. His highly popular TV show with Chicago rival Gene Siskel, "At The Movies," was hugely popular, and introduced the idea of film critics having careers in their own right. The two verbally sparred, laying the foundation of critic as entertainer, an idea that forms the backbone of many popular Internet film sites today. They also popularized the thumbs up, thumbs down for movie reviews.

Ebert was beloved by many, with sincere dedications given to him all across the world from people like his longtime friend Oprah Winfrey, to the very directors in Hollywood whose films he used to bash. He will be sorely missed.

He told an interviewer in 2005: "If you only see films about people just like yourself, why even bother to go? Because you already know about yourself. You can only find out about yourself by learning about others."

I think that those are good works to live by. Goodbye Roger Ebert.

***Nicholas Adams***

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## Mass media monster

I saw a cartoon asking the question, "What can we do to lessen the fear of terrorism?" and in the next panel the subject turned off his television. I understand a large portion or our population feels the "Media Monster" is responsible for propagating fear and hysteria in exchange for ratings, but these people fail to take into account the importance of being informed. Knowledge is power and our society today wants very much to feel empowered.

Somehow it has escaped the notice of these cynical sams that as an informed enlightened society we are more prepared to face our fears than ever before. The fastest way to dispel fear is to shine as much light on it as possible. If the media can drag terrorist slime from beneath their rocks and out into the sunlight they are exposed for the cowardly, little humans they really are. They stop being faceless monsters.

Even small children realize the cure for fear is knowledge and enlightenment. If they become scared in a dark room, they turn on the light and look under the bed - with a flashlight if necessary. They understand that KNOWING is better.

Fear of the unknown spawns hysteria. "Dark-skinned men in dark hoodies" spring up on every street corner, but plaster his picture across the TV every three minutes and he's likely to be apprehended within a couple of days. Being forewarned is being fore-armed, after all. If I find a bloody man sleeping in my boat, I want to know whether he is a mad bomber or just another bloody guy in a boat.

Thirty seconds after a bomb goes off....I WANT to know who did it! I want to see his face. I want to know if he's been stopped and what I can do to keep my family safe. Sure, some of the facts are going to be wrong in the first crazy minutes after a tragedy, but real-time reporting is just what the name implies!

Those who believe the media are a bunch of fear-mongering alarmists need to remove their rose-colored glasses and see the world for how it really is. We live in a dangerous world where stepping down to the coffee shop can change the rest of your life...or end it. I want to know right NOW if my neighborhood is under siege so I can get my coffee ELSEWHERE!

***Jonathan Morse***

## Valuable life lessons

There are so many things said about life. It's good. It's what you make it. It goes on. It sucks. One thing we fail to recognize in our busy, everyday lives is life is short.

The one evening my fiancé Drew Brubaker and I had free, we invited a member of the 78th Lightning Division over for dessert. His name was Stuart (Stu) Brandow, and he came from New Jersey for the Ed Kelley Program, a program created to commemorate the local World War II hero, Jonah Edward Kelley.

Brandow told us he always makes time to come in for the ceremony and has only missed one year because of the passing of his wife. He also spoke of when he fought in World War II and how the man upstairs must have been looking out for him. Drew and I were told if the smallest of details were changed in any of the war, he probably would not have been sitting with us that day.

Brandow described crossing the Ludendorff Bridge, knowing the Germans would have killed him and his fellow soldiers for sure had the bridge not collapsed when it did. Through his stories and getting to know him as a person, I have come to further see that life is too short and should never be taken for granted.

Start making the most of it if you haven't already. For good or bad, only you can decide which direction your life goes.

Take chances and start making your dreams reality. You'd be amazed to see the memories you can make if you simply take the time to live your life.

***Kendra Keplinger***

# Softball

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PSC has never won the Region XX Softball Championship, but the 2013 team will be looking to change that.

Led by the big bat of sophomore Taylor Rice, the national leader in batting average (.653), and Savannah Hose and Morgan Wright, who rank 11th and 21st respectively, the Lady Cats have had a remarkable season. PSC entered last weekend ranked second in the nation for team batting average (.430) and first for team on base percentage (.483). Head Coach Jim Walton and the Lady Cats believe that the sky is the limit entering the Regional tournament.

The Cats have also experienced some enormous victories throughout this season. PSC recently split a series with Chesapeake Community College who entered the series undefeated and ranked 19th in the nation. They also split a series with Mercyhurst North East who was ranked 12th in the nation on April 21st and currently ranks 15th in the latest polls.

"Those wins were huge confidence builders," said Walton. That confidence could prove vital as the Lady Cats could find the Skipjacks of Chesapeake sitting in the opposite dugout once again in the Region XX Tournament.

Despite the team's potent offense, Coach Walton believes that the key to success in the tournament lies upon the Lady Cats defense as he attributes their conference losses to a few bad innings defensive wise. "We have to play sound D in the tournament," said Walton.

Certainly, combined with the Catamounts' hot bats and the addition of solid defense, the Lady Cats could become a force to be reckoned with in the tournament.

If the Lady Cats are able to reach their goal and become the first softball team from Potomac State to win the Region XX Tournament, they would then continue on toward an ultimate goal of playing for the NJCAA Division II National Championship in Clinton, Mississippi.

# Journalism trip

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The Students also had the opportunity to try authentic Vietnamese cuisine at Miss Saigon in Georgetown.

The students stayed in the Holiday Inn in Rosslyn, just minutes from the Deep Throat meetings.

On Friday morning, the group exited the Smithsonian Metro stop to see a demonstration in support of gun control legislation.

3,300 markers were placed on the National Mall near the Washington Monument. Each marker represented a person killed by gun violence since the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings.

Symbols of the Christian, Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish, and Islam religions were represented in the moving demonstration.

Students also had the opportunity to try unique Native American cuisine at the National Museum of the American Indian.

All travel in the city was by DC's underground subway system.

"I'm from DC so I have ridden the Metro before. I ended up having to wait for everyone else because they had a problem with the fare. It was hilarious," said Truman.

"It really wasn't that funny, it was actually quite embarrassing," said Ravenscroft. "But it was really cool once I finally made it on."

*Photos (top) markers from five religions stand on the National Mall to honor victims of gun violence. Congress killed the legislation two weeks later. Below, students contemplate the meaning of fine art at the National Gallery of Art and take a long Metro escalator ride.*

# Military service will be honored at commencement

Potomac State is planning to formally recognize current and former military personnel who are participating in the 2013 May commencement.

Red, white and blue cords will be made available to service members at the Office of Enrollment Services.

If the student is not currently receiving VA educational benefits, the student will need to bring documentation of military service.

Cords may be worn over academic regalia during the ceremony.

The military cords will also be available for faculty and staff with current or former military service.

According to a press release from Morgantown, WVU has set a goal to become the most military-friendly campus in the U.S.

We thank these students for their service and look forward to providing this recognition as part of our graduation ceremony.

# Plant sale benefits 4H Club

By Paul Burford
Campus News Editor

It's that time of year again! Time for Potomac State College's annual plant sale. Only, it's over with. PSC's plant sale was held this past Friday and Saturday, April 26, and 27.

This year the sale was different. The proceeds, about $300, went to the 4-H Club on campus, to help support the club's various service projects.

PSC's 4-H Club helps local clubs with their teaching young people the four basic principals of 4-H: head, heart, hands and health, and with their own service projects.

The 4-H members sold a variety of plants including tomatoes, peppers (both hot and sweet) herbs, and bedding plants (flowers).

# Alumni, faculty, student names added to Honors Wall

By Hailey Truman
Editor

On Sunday the 21st of April at 2:30 pm a group of people joined around a wall. Yet it just wasn't any wall, it was the Duke Anthony Whitmore/Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Academic Achievement wall. Five new people joined those who came before them and were honored with this prestigious honor. Joining the alumni achievement part of the wall was Mr. Richard Ball a 56' graduate from Potomac State who currently serves as Professor of Administration of Justice and Program Coordinator for Penn State University, Penn State Fayette on the Eberly Campus; Mr. Charles Whitehill a former faculty member here at Potomac State who served as a professor, chair of the music department and also the chaired the Division of Arts and Humanities for many years was added to the faculty portion of the wall. There were also three students here that were added to the wall. With their outstanding grades and list of achievements sophomore mathematics and political science major Jesse Cook, sophomore political science and history major Curtis Boggs and sophomore pre-veterinary medicine major Kelsey Kimmell were added to the wall.

# J-students see JFK exhibit in DC

By Amber Ravenscrft
Editor

Sophomore journalism majors learned about President John F. Kennedy and the news media at special exhibits in the Newseum, a Washington, D.C. museum devoted to journalism.

Hailey Truman, Elisha Wagoner, Kelly Mills, and Amber Ravenscroft traveled with Professor Fred Jacoby for two days of journalism history.

Students walked deep into the damp parking garage where *Washington Post* reporter Bob Woodward met his secret Watergate source, Deep Throat.

The group also saw a National Gallery of Art traveling exhibit showing how photographers were able to edit their photos in the darkroom, prior to digital photography and software such as Photoshop.

"Being a photographer, I thought it was really cool to see how pictures were manipulated without a computer," said Elisha Wagoner.

Some of the altered photos had been used as advertisements, some of the photos were propaganda (altered pictures of Chairman Mao and President Lyndon Johnson), and some were works of art, including a ghostly spirit leaving a body.

The group spent hours in the Newseum learning about journalism history, media reaction to 9/11, international media, and Pulitzer Prize winning photography.

Of course, no trip to DC would be complete for this group without a stop at Georgetown Cupcakes, where the line was unusually short and the cupcakes were worth $3 each.

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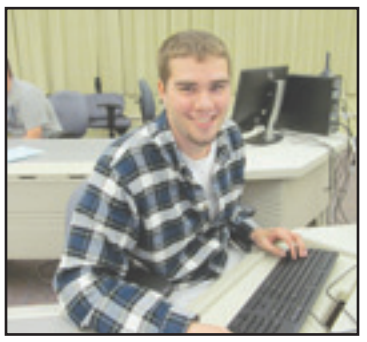
*Photos above and below: rare looks at John Kennedy campaigning in West Virginia and reflecting at Coos Bay, Oregon (on display at the Newseum). Photos left: J-students photograph the historical marker where Woodward met Deep Throat in the early 1970s, and the happy group poses on the mall in DC.*

# What does "Boston Strong" mean to you?

**Travis Keating:**
*"Boston Strong to me means 'America Strong.' There's no other country that can come together and bounce back from a tragedy like we can."*

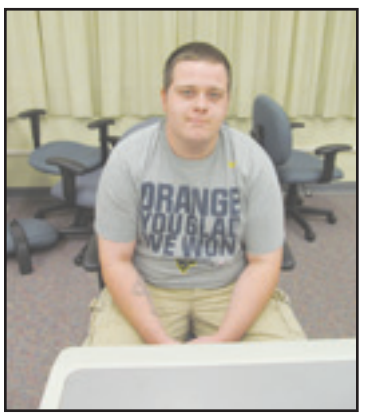


**Amber Ravenscroft:**
*"To me, Boston Strong means unity -- not only Boston, but our entire country united to support the victims and aid in the search for justice."*

**Nick Burton**:
*"Boston Strong: Pushing differences and rivalries to the side in order to save a city in its worst of times."*

**Luke McKenzie**:
*"Boston Strong is America coming together to help one another out, no matter what the danger that lurks ahead is."*

**Zachary Miley**:
*"Boston Strong is the ability for an entire city, state, and country to stand together and act as one large family during times of adversity and turmoil."*



**Desiree Diaz**:
*"To me, Boston Strong means that patriotism will forever flow with full force through the veins of our country."*